

Revitalizing Newark



Mildred Helms Park

Lillian Burke, principal
Clinton Av. School

Gail Davis - PSE&G
who are part of
the Clinton Hill Partnership

The Trust for Public Land
lead agency - ~~Leigh Rae~~
^{on grant} Rose Harvey - ~~1st~~ Sr. Vice pres.
1st city park

The Newark City Spaces Program was launched in 1995 by the Trust for Public Land as a response to the overwhelming need for additional safe playgrounds in the communities of New Jersey's largest city. The program is a public-private partnership that creates new active recreation spaces through a unique participatory design process involving school children and local community residents.

Newark, NJ~ June 25, 2002

Welcome & Invocation

Reverend Frederick Wilkes

Trinity United Methodist Church &
Mildred Helms Park Restoration Committee

Violin Performance

Clinton Avenue Elementary School Students

Remarks

Maryanne Gerbauckas

Superintendent, Edison National Historic Site
A unit of the National Park Service

Martha Sapp

- \$176,000 TO
Team Leader, Urban Acquisition & Park Helms
Development Team, NJ DEP Green Acres Program

The Honorable Sharpe James

Mayor, City of Newark

The Honorable Donald Bradley

President, Newark City Council

Doris Culver

Associate Superintendent, Whole School Reform
Newark Public Schools

Leigh Rae

New Jersey Field Office Director
Trust for Public Land

Gabriella Morris

President, The Prudential Foundation

Benediction

Reverend Alfred Johnson

Clinton Presbyterian Church

The **Urban Park and Recreation Recovery (UPARR)** program was established in November 1978, authorizing \$725 million to provide matching grants and technical assistance to economically distressed urban communities. The purpose of the program is to provide direct Federal assistance to urban localities for the rehabilitation of critically needed recreation facilities. This year, grants totaling \$28.9 million were awarded to urban cities and counties.



With 54 parks, the **City of Newark** offers its citizens 39 acres of recreation space, including historic Military Park in the city's downtown. Managed by the Department of Neighborhood and Recreational Services, Newark's parks provide green spaces and athletic fields for residents of all ages. The Division of Parks and Grounds cares for the parks' trees and facilities. As a longtime resident of Newark and community leader, Mildred Helms was in the forefront of numerous campaigns to improve the quality of life in the South Ward by organizing residents.



The Trust for Public Land is a national nonprofit organization that conserves land for people to improve the quality of life in communities and to protect natural and historic resources for future generations. TPL believes all children have a fundamental right to learn and play in safe, accessible outdoor recreational areas. Parks and playgrounds are proven anchors for community revitalization that should be included in any strategy to improve urban quality of life.



Prudential Foundation

Founded in 1977, The Prudential Foundation is the nonprofit grant-making organization of Prudential Financial, Inc. It is part of Prudential's Community Resources Division, a strategic combination of three units: the Foundation, which strives to build children and families' self sufficiency; the Social Investment Program, which originates and manages socially beneficial investments; and Local Initiatives, which coordinates employee volunteerism and fosters community outreach.